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REPORT

TOPIC Briesen Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

The following air activity was observed at Briesen airfield between 19 and 23 August 1954:

19 August. Between 0700 and 1100, there was air activity by Il-28s and U-Il-28s. The ceiling was closed at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, visibility limited to about 8 km and rain. Elements of two aircraft took off at intervals of about 15 minutes and disappeared toward the west. Compared with previous observations, it was noticed at the take-off that the aircraft required a longer take-off distance. After about 50 minutes, the two aircraft landed at short intervals. During the air activity, a noise, probably of bomb detonations was heard from a far distance.

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20 August. Between 0700 and 1500, only 6 Il-28s or U-Il-28s took off and made individual flights of about 50 minutes duration.

21 to 23 August. No air activity was observed. The weather was rainy and visibility was limited to 5 km.

Comment. Briesen airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with about 30 Il-28s. Aircraft of the regiment probably practiced bombing at Kummersdorf bomb range. No confirmatory information has as yet been received from Kummersdorf. According to previous observations, Il-28s approached Kummersdorf bomb range without dropping bombs.

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